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Dear Mr. Langdon,

In response to your action mailed 05/22/2007, I wish to amend my claims as follows. (Please note that the mailing date was changed from 01/08/2007 to 05/22/2007 because I had submitted a letter of change of address).

I claim:

1. A device for transporting film, in particular a device for transporting film intermittently, being driven by at least one electric motor, the improvement comprising means for mechanically engaging said film (5) by piercing at least one surface of said film (5) with at least one element (2) so that said film (5) may be transported without slippage without the use of perforations.
2. A device as in claim 1 wherein said means for piercing said film (5) is at least one point (2) which pierces said film (5) to hold said film (5) while transporting said film (5).
3. A device as in claim 2 wherein said at least one point (2) is the point of a needle (2).

4. A device as in claim 3 wherein said at least one needle (2) is mounted on at least one unit (12).

5. A device as in claim 4 wherein said at least one unit (12) allows said at least one needle (5) to disengage said film (5) if said film (5) jams.

6. A device as in claim 1 wherein at least one element (7) acts against said film (5) to hold said film (5) steady during exposure to light.

7. A device as in claim 6 wherein said at least one element (7) is a pressure plate (7).

8. A device as in claim 6 wherein said at least one element (7) is a movable element (7), moving while said film (5) is being transported.

9. A device as in claim 1 wherein at least one mark is exposed on said film (5) to assist in picture registration.

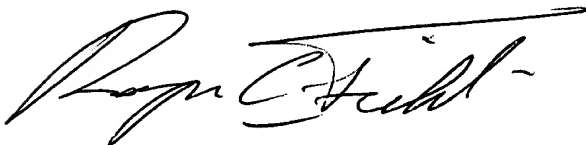
I have reduced the amount of claims to 9.

You have cited prior art cited by Vetter in patent number US-5,534,954. Fig. 2 of this patent shows a conventional film projector and element 28 is a sprocket tooth for film perforations. I think that my claim amendments satisfy your requirement.

You informed me that the disclosure is missing headings. I have inserted headings for you and worded the disclosure accordingly without adding new art. I enclose the new text.

I include the priority document from the German Patent Office and I await possible instructions regarding my drawing submitted with my application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Field", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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